

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-64. Cancelled.

65. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

capturing market data for a plurality of companies via a processor, each of the plurality of companies identified from a group of companies based at least on intellectual property asset data for the group of companies, in which the processor performs in accordance with a program that is stored in a memory;

calculating via the processor an intellectual property index based at least on the market data for the plurality of companies;

receiving, from a remote device, a plurality of orders for at least one derivative financial instrument that comprises at least one term associated with the intellectual property index, in which the remote device and the processor are in communication over a network; and

executing via the processor a trade for the at least one derivative financial instrument.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the group of companies comprises a plurality of companies in substantially the same industry.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the group of companies comprises a plurality of companies having a particular market capitalization.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the plurality of companies are identified based at least on a value associated with an intellectual property asst portfolio for each of the plurality of companies.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 68, wherein each of the intellectual property asset portfolios comprises at least one patent and wherein the value associated

with each portfolio is based at least on a number of citations to the at least one patent by a national patent office.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 68, wherein each of the intellectual property asset portfolios comprises at least one patent and wherein the value associated with each portfolio is based at least on a number of patents issued to the company by a national patent office.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 68, wherein each of the intellectual property asset portfolios comprises at least one patent and wherein the value associated with each portfolio is based at least on the age of the at least one patent.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 68, wherein each of the intellectual property asset portfolios comprises at least one patent and wherein the value associated with each portfolio is based at least on litigation results associated with the at least one patent.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 68, wherein the value associated with an intellectual property asset portfolio is determined based on at least one of licensing contracts and revenues.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the market data comprises a stock price for each of the plurality of companies.

75-87. Cancelled.

88. (Currently Amended) A system comprising at least one ~~computing device processor~~ having software associated therewith that when ~~executes executed instructs the processor to~~ performs a method comprising:

capturing market data for a plurality of companies, each of the plurality of companies identified from a group of companies based at least on intellectual property asset data for the group of companies;

calculating an intellectual property index based at least on the market data for the plurality of companies;

receiving a plurality of orders for at least one derivative financial instrument that comprises at least one term associated with the intellectual property index; and

executing a trade for the at least one derivative financial instrument.

89. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 88, wherein the group of companies comprises a plurality of companies in substantially the same industry.

90. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 88, wherein the group of companies comprises a plurality of companies having a particular market capitalization.

91. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 88, wherein the plurality of companies are identified based at least on a value associated with an intellectual property asset portfolio for each of the plurality of companies.

92. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91, wherein each of the intellectual property asset portfolios comprises at least one patent and wherein the value associated with each portfolio is based at least on a number of citations to the at least one patent by a national patent office.

93. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91, wherein each of the intellectual property asset portfolios comprises at least one patent and wherein the value associated with each portfolio is based at least on a number of patents issued to the company by a national patent office.

94. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91, wherein each of the intellectual property asset portfolios comprises at least one patent and wherein the value associated with each portfolio is based at least on the age of the at least one patent.

95. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91, wherein each of the intellectual property asset portfolios comprises at least one patent and wherein the value associated with each portfolio is based at least on litigation results associated with the at least one patent.

96. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91, wherein the value associated with an intellectual property asset portfolio is determined based on at least one of licensing contracts and revenues.

97. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 88, wherein the market data comprises a stock price for each of the plurality of companies.